Conversion of vacancies into general Quota meant for Sc/ST in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

*165. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite many efforts Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has not yet been able to fill up the quota and backlog vacancies reserved for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these vacancies cannot be converted into general ones;

(c) if so, whether the vacancies would remain unfilled and students will have to study without teachers till the vacancies are filled up by SC/ST candidates; and

(d) if so, what is the justification thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Assistant Commissiners of Regional Offices/Principals of Kendriya Vidyalayas have been authorised to fill up the vacancies locally on ad-hoc basis as per rules, in order to avoid loss of studies of the students.

Introduction of ecological science in school curriculum

*166. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be peased to state what steps have been taken to introduce fundamentals of the ecological science in school text books and inculcate environmental awareness in children?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): Contents designed to introduce fundamentals of the ecological science in school text books and to inculcate environmental awareness in children have been included in the text books on Environmental Studies for Classes III to V and in the text books for science subjects for Classes VI to XII.

In addition, a Centrally-Sponsored Scheme of Environmental Orientation to School Education has been taken up since 1988-89 which promotes the integration of educational programmes with the local environment.

Guidelines for the panel under Shri Arun Singh to Examine defence expenditure

*167. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 115 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th August, 1990 and state what are the details of the guidelines for the panel formed under the Chairmanship of Shri Arun Singh to examine the defence expenditure and to prepare defence profile of the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): The Committee on Defence Expenditure will be guided by its terms of reference which include examination of expenditure of the Department of Defence and making recommendations on measures, structures and systems to achieve economy and secure optimal utilisation of available resources.

The Committee has not been entrusted with the task of preparing a defence profile.

The Committee is expected to submit its report by 31st December, 1990.